

CLAIMS:

5 ~~1. A rake comprising:~~

a first rake part, the first rake part having a handle with a longitudinal axis and a first rake head section connected to one end of the handle;

10 a second, separate, rake part, the second rake part having a second rake head section; and

cooperating connecting means on both rake parts to detachably connect the second rake part to the first rake part to have the first and second rake head sections side-by-side forming a full-size, rake head at the one end of
15 the handle;

the connected rake parts forming the rake for use to rake debris into a pile, the detached rake parts being useful to grasp between them and transfer the pile of
20 debris.

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~~2. A rake as claimed in claim 1, wherein:~~

the first rake part has a tubular member adjacent and parallel to a rear portion of a side wall of the first rake head section for receiving the one end of the handle; and

25 the second rake part has a semi-cylindrical member attached to the second rake head section, said semi-cylindrical member being sized and positioned to cover, and fit onto, the tubular member and at least one portion of the handle when the first and second rake parts are

30 connected together.

~~2~~¹. A rake as claimed in claim ~~2~~¹, wherein the semi-cylindrical member forms a handle for the second rake part when the first and second rake parts are detached.

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~~4~~². A rake as claimed in claim ~~4~~², wherein the cooperating connecting means comprises a semi-circular rib formed on an

inner surface of the semi-circular member, said rib being positioned and sized to snap over a portion of the handle just above the tubular member of the first rake part.

- 5 ~~4~~³. A rake as claimed in claim ~~4~~³, wherein the cooperating connecting means also comprises a hook on the first rake part and an opening on the second rake part, the hook passing through the opening to abut the second rake part and thus connect the parts together.
- 10 ~~5~~⁴. A rake as claimed in claim ~~5~~⁴, wherein the hook and opening are spaced apart laterally from the longitudinal axis of the handle when the rake parts are connected together, the hook abutting on the second rake part and
- 15 thus preventing rotation of the second rake part clockwise about the first rake part.
- ~~6~~⁵. A rake as claimed claim ~~6~~⁵, wherein said rake also comprises:
- 20 abutment means for preventing rotation of the second rake part clockwise about the first rake part when the parts are connected together.
- ~~7~~⁶. A rake as claimed in claim ~~7~~⁶, wherein:
- 25 the first rake part has a base with an inner side wall having a bottom and a flange extending laterally from the bottom of the inner side wall;
- the second rake part has a base with an inner side wall having a bottom edge;
- 30 said inner side walls abutting when the parts are connected together with the bottom edge of the inner side wall of the second rake part resting on the flange to form the abutment means, the bottom edge of the inner side wall of said second rake part being spaced apart from the
- 35 longitudinal axis of the rake handle on the side of the rake where is located the first rake part when the parts are connected together.

~~8~~ 8. A rake as claimed in claim ~~3~~ 7, wherein said rake further comprises:

aligning means on the rake parts to align said rake
5 parts longitudinally when connected together.

~~9~~ 9. A rake as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inner side
walls of the first and second rake parts are complementary
10 and abuts when the rake parts are connected together,
thereby forming the aligning means.

~~10~~ 10. A rake as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the cooperating
connecting means comprises a hook on the first rake part
15 and an opening on the second rake part, the hook passing
through the opening to abut the second rake part and thus
connect the parts together.

~~11~~ 11. A rake as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein the hook and
20 opening are spaced apart laterally from the longitudinal
axis of the handle when the rake parts are connected
together, the hook abutting on the second rake part and
thus preventing rotation of the second rake part clockwise
about the first rake part.

~~12~~ 12. A rake as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 11, wherein:

the first rake part has a base with an inner side wall
having a bottom and a flange extending laterally from the
bottom of the inner side wall;

30 the second rake part has a base with an inner side
wall having a bottom edge;

said inner side walls abutting when the parts are
connected together with the bottom edge of the inner side
wall of the second rake part resting on the flange to form
35 the abutment means, the bottom edge of the inner side wall
of said second rake part being spaced apart from the
longitudinal axis of the rake handle on the side of the

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